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1. The SAG Karier is one of the Soviet holding companies of the Fuel Industry; its official designation reads "Aktionernoe Obshchestvo Toplivoi Promyshlennosti, Otdelenye Karier". Other related holding companies are Bury Ugol, Briket, Gazolin, Toplivo and Maslo. These holding companies work independently of each other and are responsible directly to the SAG Headquarters in Berlin-Weissensee.
2. The main office of SAG Karier, consisting of a staff of eleven Russians, is located in Aschersleben, Herrenbreite 39. In addition, 42 Germans are employed as mechanics, servants, charwomen, and drivers. The Russian personnel resides in the Herrenbreite nos. 28, 30, 31, 38, 39, 40 and 41.
3. The Russian staff consists of the following persons:
 - a. A Director-General. This post which was occupied until autumn by Ilya Snegorenko is at present vacant.
 - b. Acting Director-General and Chief Engineer: Bessarabov. He is considered intelligent and an idealistic communist.
 - c. Deputy for Commercial Matters: Aprentiev, known as extremely cautious and cunning, and a good business-
man.
 - d. Chief of Purchasing Section: Krasnorukov.
 - e. Chief of Planning Section: Recent arrival direct from Moscow whose name could not be learned.
 - f. Chief of Section for Miscellaneous Matters: Syzrantsov, who keeps in constant touch with the Commander of the City komendatura. He is responsible for the maintenance of security in regard to all correspondence.

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- g. Chief Bookkeeper: Petukhov.
- h. Assistant Bookkeeper: A girl recently sent from Berlin-Weissensee whose name is not known [redacted] 25X1
- i. Chief of Power Plants: Engineer Gramkovsky.
- j. Chief of the Machinery Section: Engineer Korotkevich.
- k. Assistant Chief of Machinery Section: A young engineer who arrived recently from the Soviet Union. 25X1
- l. Director of Electric Power Station: Engineer Sviridov who is a member of the Communist Party. [redacted]
4. The German administrative office is located in Nachterstedt, approximately twelve kilometers from Aschersleben. This is the site of the coal mines and adjoining power plants which are part of SAG Karier. The man in charge of the mines is Director-General Lüder; the chief engineer is named Döring, while the business manager is named Bracklog.
5. The SAG Karier employs approximately 4,000 Germans, most of whom are either politically apathetic or openly anti-Russian. Of the many interpreters, for instance, only one is a member of the SED. He is the only man permitted to act as interpreter for discussions between Soviet staff members and the Political Director. 25X1
6. The Political Director is a man named Pest who was recently sent to Nachterstedt from Weissensee. [redacted]
7. In order to get a commendation and to be entitled to premiums for good work, the Soviet officers of Karier made changes in the books to show a profit of one million marks instead of actual losses.
8. Since the supply of brown coal at the present site has almost been exhausted, it is planned to start operations at a different location and to move all machinery and buildings. It is expected that the transfer will be completed by 1952 and that it will involve an expense of three million marks a year.

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